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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2633  
Docket No.: 837.1960

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shigeki WATANABE

Serial No. 09/774,686

Confirmation No. 3081

Filed: February 1, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2633 Technology Center 2600

Examiner: Phan, Hanh

For: METHOD, DEVICE, AND SYSTEM FOR REGENERATING OPTICAL SIGNAL

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on November 5, 2004.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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